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Arizona's Cotton Production Forecast

Arizona's upland cotton production as of December 1 is forecast at 650,000 bales, a 19 percent decrease from the final 2011 production. Acres for harvest, at 198,000, are down 50,000 acres from 2011. Upland cotton yield, expected at a record high 1,576 pounds per acre, is up 28 pounds from last year's record high yield.

The United States all cotton production is forecast at 17.3 million 480-pound bales, down 1 percent from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 793 pounds per acre, up 3 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.6 million 480-pound bales, up 13 percent from 2011. Pima cotton production, forecast at 657,000 bales, was carried forward from last month.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type, State, and United States, 2011 and Forecasted December 1, 2012

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2011	2012	2011	Nov 1, 2012	Dec 1, 2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Bales 2/</i>	
Upland							
AL	443.0	377.0	742	840	891	685.0	700.0
AZ	248.0	198.0	1,548	1,624	1,576	800.0	650.0
AR	660.0	580.0	929	1,051	1,084	1,277.0	1,310.0
CA	181.0	141.0	1,474	1,617	1,617	556.0	475.0
FL	118.0	105.0	744	960	960	183.0	210.0
GA	1,495.0	1,285.0	791	1,009	1,009	2,465.0	2,700.0
KS	65.0	52.0	510	415	508	69.0	55.0
LA	290.0	220.0	846	1,004	1,025	511.0	470.0
MS	605.0	460.0	952	1,012	981	1,200.0	940.0
MO	367.0	330.0	969	975	1,018	741.0	700.0
NM	58.0	47.0	1,059	970	970	128.0	95.0
NC	800.0	580.0	616	910	977	1,026.0	1,180.0
OK	70.0	175.0	597	411	411	87.0	150.0
SC	301.0	296.0	828	876	908	519.0	560.0
TN	490.0	375.0	796	896	922	813.0	720.0
TX	2,850.0	4,900.0	589	578	539	3,500.0	5,500.0
VA	115.0	85.0	676	988	1,045	162.0	185.0
US	9,156.0	10,206.0	772	790	781	14,722.0	16,600.0
Amer-Pima 3/							
AZ	10.0	3.0	960	1,120	1,120	20.0	7.0
CA	273.0	224.0	1,380	1,350	1,350	785.0	630.0
NM	3.4	2.9	875	828	828	6.2	5.0
TX	18.5	7.5	1,038	960	960	40.0	15.0
US	304.9	237.4	1,340	1,328	1,328	851.2	657.0
All							
US	9,460.9	10,443.4	790	802	793	15,573.2	17,257.0

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb. net weight bales.

3/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

Arizona Citrus

Arizona's lemon production is expected to total 1,700 thousand boxes during the 2012/2013 season, up 127 percent from last season. Lemon production for the United States is expected to total 22.2 million boxes, a 5 percent increase from the 2011/2012 season. Tangerine production in Arizona is expected to remain unchanged from last year at 200,000 boxes. The U.S. production is expected to total 15.8 million boxes, up 410,000 boxes from last year.

Citrus Fruits: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2011-2012 and Forecasted December 1, 2012

Crop and State	Utilized Production	
	2011-2012	2012-2013
	1,000 Boxes 1/	
Tangerines		
AZ 2/ 3/	200	200
CA 2/ 3/	10,900	11,800
FL	4,290	3,800
US	15,390	15,800
Lemons 2/		
AZ	750	1,700
CA	20,500	20,500
US	21,250	22,200

1/ Net pounds per box: tangerines and mandarins in Arizona and California-80, Florida-95; lemons-80.

2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

3/ Includes tangelos and tangors.

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Dry Edible Beans

Arizona's dry bean growers are expected to harvest 13,400 acres of dry edible beans, 5,200 acres more than last year. An average yield of 2,070 pounds per acre is expected, 180 pounds more than in 2011. Production is expected to increase 79 percent from the previous year. Most of the increase is from pinto beans with a 3,800 acre increase from 2011 at 6,000 acres.

The United States dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.8 million cwt, up 60 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.74 million acres, up 43 percent from 2011. Harvested area is forecast at 1.70 million acres, 45 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,873 pounds per acre, an increase of 170 pounds from 2011. If realized, yield will be a record high, exceeding the previous record of 1,768 pounds set in 2008.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2011-2012

State	Area Planted		Harvested		Yield		2011 Production	Forecasted Dec 1, 2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres				Pounds		1,000 Cwt 2/	
AZ	8.5	13.5	8.2	13.4	1,890	2,070	155	277
CA	57.5	58.5	57.0	57.5	1,900	2,200	1,083	1,265
CO	38.0	50.0	37.0	45.0	1,580	1,600	585	720
ID	95.0	145.0	94.0	144.0	2,000	2,100	1,880	3,024
KS	6.5	8.0	6.0	7.5	1,700	2,110	102	158
MI	170.0	200.0	168.0	197.0	2,000	1,790	3,360	3,526
MN	140.0	160.0	135.0	155.0	1,690	1,920	2,281	2,976
MT	15.0	28.5	14.8	28.1	1,820	1,500	270	422
NE	110.0	145.0	105.0	133.0	2,000	2,400	2,100	3,193
NM	12.5	9.8	12.4	9.8	2,230	2,200	277	216
NY	12.0	10.0	11.8	9.5	1,400	1,920	165	182
ND	410.0	700.0	380.0	690.0	1,300	1,700	4,940	11,730
OR	6.4	9.8	6.4	9.8	2,410	2,510	154	246
SD	10.2	13.0	9.0	12.9	1,770	2,060	159	266
TX	9.0	22.0	8.0	20.0	1,000	1,000	80	200
WA	77.0	115.0	77.0	115.0	1,900	2,000	1,463	2,300
WI	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	2,080	1,940	110	101
WY	35.0	45.0	33.0	43.0	2,200	2,220	726	955
US	1,217.9	1,738.3	1,167.9	1,695.7	1,703	1,873	19,890	31,757

October Hired Workers and Wage Rates Increase Over 5 Percent From a Year Ago

Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 872,000 for the reference week of October 7-13, 2012, up more than 5 percent from the October 2011 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.76 per hour during the October 2012 reference week, up over 5 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$11.22 per hour, up over 6 percent from a year earlier. Livestock workers earned \$10.83, up 16 cents. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.13 per hour, was up 56 cents from a year earlier. The number of hours worked averaged 41.5 for hired

workers during the reference week, nearly the same as hours worked in October 2011.

The 2012 U.S. all hired worker annual average wage rate was \$11.52 per hour, up 4 percent from the 2011 annual average wage rate of \$11.07 per hour. The U.S. field worker annual average wage rate was \$10.76 per hour, up 43 cents from last year's annual average. The field and livestock combined annual average wage rate at the U.S. level was \$10.80, up 4 percent from last year's annual average wage rate of \$10.36.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates and Hours Worked By Selected Region, 2011-2012 1/

State	All Hired Wage Rates		Hours Worked	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>	Hours per Week	Hours per Week
Northern Plains 2/	11.97	12.86	42.5	41.6
Southern Plains 2/	10.43	10.81	40.0	38.8
Mountain I 2/	10.55	10.45	45.4	46.4
Mountain II 2/	11.46	11.26	43.0	41.0
Mountain III 2/	10.71	10.52	45.7	47.5
CA	11.04	11.64	43.9	43.5
US 3/	11.07	11.52	40.8	40.3

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Northern Plains includes KS, NE, ND, SD - Southern Plains includes OK, TX – Mountain I includes ID, MT, WY – Mountain II includes CO, NV, UT – Mountain III includes AZ, NM

3/ Excludes AK.



Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to all the growers and agribusinesses of Arizona, and to all the University, State and Federal Agencies that provide services that make our mission a success. We would like to express our gratitude for your support to our survey operations. The real value of timely, accurate and unbiased agricultural statistics is evident in the high demand for our data products by individual farmers and ranchers, ag related industries, educational institutions, and other governmental agencies.

The holiday season is upon us and it is time to focus on families and friends and the blessings of living in a great country where freedoms and opportunities abound. From all of us at AG STATISTICS, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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November Farm Prices Received Index Down 6 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 203 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 6 points (2.9 percent) from October. The Crop Index is down 7 points (3.0 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 5 points (3.1 percent). Producers received lower prices for soybeans, corn, and apples and higher prices for broilers, eggs, and milk. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of corn, milk, cattle, and cotton offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and sunflowers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 19 points (10 percent) from November 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 188, decreased 8 points (4.1 percent) from last month but increased 16 points (9.3 percent) from November 2011.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 217 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is down 1 point (-0.5 percent) from October but 11 points (5.3 percent) above November 2011. Lower prices in November for concentrates, diesel, supplements, and gasoline offset higher prices for feeder pigs, mixed fertilizer, supplies, and complete feeds.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2011 and 2012 and November 2012

Commodity	Unit	Arizona		
		Nov-11 Entire Month	Oct -12 Entire Month	Nov-12 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.937	0.770	1/
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	235.00	190.00	195.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	19.60	20.40	21.30

Commodity	Unit	United States		
		Nov-11 Entire Month	Oct -12 Entire Month	Nov-12 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.926	0.691	0.688
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	10.30	7.61	8.11
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	193.00	212.00	215.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	66.00	77.30	76.40
Steers & Heifers	\$ Cwt	126.00	127.00	129.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	120.00	123.00	123.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	153.00	164.00	162.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	20.50	21.50	22.10

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
- 2/ Mid-month.
- 3/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies
- 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

United States Price Index Summary Table

	2011		2012	
	November	October	September	
Index 1990-92 = 100				
Prices Received	184	209	203	
Prices Paid	206	218	217	
Ratio 1/	89	96	94	

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.